

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON)
UNIVERSAL SERVICE)
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NPCR, INC. d/b/a NEXTEL PARTNERS)
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Petition for Designation as an Eligible)
Telecommunications Carrier in the State)
of Illinois.)

Docket No. 03-0312

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

NOW COMES, El Paso Telephone Company, by its attorneys, and respectfully petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission for leave to intervene in the above entitled proceeding and in support thereof states as follows:

1. El Paso Telephone Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier providing service subject to this Commission's jurisdiction and regulation. El Paso Telephone Company is a rural telephone company as defined in Section 153(37) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Communications Act") and has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier by this Commission pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act.

2. That the name, address and telephone number of the Petitioner seeking leave to intervene is:

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That service should be on Petitioner's attorney listed herein.

3. In the Petition filed in this docket by NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners, the Petitioner seeks to be designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within the Study Area served by El Paso Telephone Company for which Study Area El Paso Telephone Company is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Before designating Petitioner (or any other telecommunications carrier) as an additional Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within El Paso Telephone Company's Study Area, this Commission must make a determination and finding as to whether such designation is, or is not, in the public interest pursuant to the requirements of Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act.

4. El Paso Telephone Company will be affected by any Order entered by the Commission in this proceeding and no other party can adequately represent El Paso Telephone Company's interests.

WHEREFORE, El Paso Telephone Company prays that this Commission grant it leave to intervene and be treated as a party to this proceeding.

DATED this 27th day of May, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY

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Certificate of Service

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A copy of the foregoing Petition For Leave To Intervene filed on behalf of El Paso Telephone Company was served upon those persons indicated with an asterisk (*) by U.S. Mail, with proper postage affixed thereto, and by e-mail on those persons indicated with a double-asterisk (**) this 27th day of May, 2003.

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